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BRYAN TEXAS, TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19, 1899.

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STILL IN DEEP GLOOM

No Alleviation Expected Until the British Make a Winning.

TROUBLE YET AHEAD

Complications in Abyssinia and Egypt Will Not Permit Any of the British There to Be Withdrawn for the Transvaal War.

New York, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from London says: There is no alleviation of the gloom and panic caused by General Buller's reverse. British forces in India cannot be further depleted by drafts for South Africa, while threatened trouble from Menelik Negus of Abyssinia and the possibility of complications along the Mediterranean renders the reduction of the garrison in Egypt too risky, although General Kitchener is going as Lord Robert's chief of staff.

Fear is expressed that the German navy may be used in conjunction with those of Russia and France to exert a pressure to prevent reinforcements from reaching South Africa. In the probable view of such a contingency immediate orders will be issued for the mobilization of a fleet of reserve. The British public is awaiting with the keenest apprehension the first indication of active hostilities from their continental enemies.

The reconstruction of the cabinet is eagerly discussed in political circles. Many deem it impossible, that its old useless members like Goschen, Chaplin and Cross shall be sacrificed.

Lord Salisbury is oppressed with public and private cares and is shaken in health, he declared to be anxious to retire, but it was represented to him that his disappearance may inevitably cause the total collapse of the administration.

A dead-end is being made against Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, on the grounds of alleged refusal to provide adequate funds for transportation at an earlier stage of the war. It is also suggested that Chamberlain's retirement may be forced by party pressure, confidence in him being completely shaken.

Should the war continue much longer without a decisive British success, the formation of National coalition ministry is certain, with Lord Rosebery as foreign minister, and probably Mr. Asquith as colonial secretary. Lord Salisbury retaining premiership, but giving a proportion of the portfolio to the Liberal Imperialists.

BOERS RESOURCES.

They Have Been Accumulating Arms Expecting Trouble With England.

New York, Dec. 18.—M. de Long, the manager of the dynamite factory at Modderfontein in the Transvaal, has just returned to France and has been interviewed by the representatives of several Paris journals. He says that the British government can have had no idea of the vast extent of the preparations that the Boers have been quietly making for years with the realization that another struggle with the full force of Great Britain was inevitable. Even should the Boers be driven out of Natal, he points out that no British army could ever hope to enter the Transvaal and survive.

Since the war began he says, heavy artillery that had been carefully stored away has been brought forth. He asserts that the forts at Pretoria and Johannesburg are as strong as any fortress in the world and have within the last month been rendered almost absolutely impregnable while Edberg alone could hold his own with 25 men against 10,000 assailants, particularly in the rainy season, which has just begun, causing unfordable streams to suddenly spring into existence.

M. de Long states that there are about 6000 well trained German volunteers in the Boer army who have not yet been allowed to go to the front. He adds that the governments of the Boer republics are showing a great economy of strength, and have not yet used a third of their military reserve.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

No Further Particulars Received of the Defeat of Buller.

London, Dec. 18.—No further news has been received regarding the battle at Tugela river.

The latest accounts regarding the battle at Magersfontein show that the retirement of the British troops was executed with the greatest coolness and heavy Boer artillery fire on Tuesday.

Mafeking was safe on Dec. 16, and Colonel Baden-Powell the British commander, is still actively pushing out his defenses. At that time the Boers had offered to exchange Lady Sarah Wilson, who was captured while acting as a correspondent for the London D

for General Ben Viljoen, who was captured at Elandslaag.

The other beleaguered garrisons and positions are still holding out.

Natives are Badly Disturbed.

Sterkstroom, Dec. 18.—As a result of the British reverses the whole country northwest is in rebellion.

The natives there, as well as those in Basutoland, are said to be much disturbed and losing heart respecting the strength of the British.

SCHOOLS OF PORTO RICO.

Under American System They Are Progressing Wonderfully.

San Juan, Dec. 18.—Since the American occupation great strides have been made in the public school system of Porto Rico. A board of education was organized consisting of five members, three Porto Ricans and two Americans. Each municipality in the island now has an American teacher, about 75 being employed. There are some 500 Spanish teachers. The schools are now held in houses separated from the houses of the teachers, and modern text books in English and Spanish are used. All public schools are under American supervision. The school year has been reduced from 12 to 9 months and salaries have been increased somewhat, being placed on the American currency basis.

Ground has been broken for the establishment of a normal and industrial school at Fajardo, on the northern coast. This school will open during the coming year. The city of Fajardo subscribed \$20,000 toward its construction and the insular government a like sum.

A modern training school under American teachers has been established in San Juan in an up-to-date school building. About 250 pupils are studying in this school. All courses are in English and English textbooks are used exclusively. The grades range from kindergarten to through college preparatory.

Last spring a similar school with similar grades was started at Ponce with American teachers, but under private auspices. This is now a public school with an enrollment of 250.

It is the policy of the department to organize good American schools giving instruction in English and this is being done as fast as funds permit in order that native schools may be remodelled upon an American basis, by following the methods of American instructors. Under the Spanish regime there were no graduation from the schools and few pupils would be found beyond the third year of their course. Fifteen per cent of the people read and write, and of these one-third have been taught in their own homes or in private schools or in other countries than Porto Rico. For some years many have been sent to the United States for education. Noreligious instruction permitted. The children appear eager to learn English and pick it up with remarkable aptitude. The teachers employed are from the United States and are mostly graduates with modern methods. The department is about to issue a teachers manual. It publishes a regular bulletin in languages for teachers and provides pedagogical literature. Spanish and English literature are also supplied to the schools.

The present school system has been a great success and although it has been in force a comparatively short time one fifth of the total school population is already provided for. Governor General Davis has caused to be appropriated 12 per cent of the taxes for educational purposes instead of 6 per cent as formerly. He takes a personal interest in the school question, inspects the schools and is cordially supporting the introduction of American methods.

The great bane of the schools is politics. A large percentage of the male attaches are politicians. Some are agitating against the new system as detrimental to their own interests. Most of the teachers, however, heartily cooperate with reforms. A board of school trustees for each town is elected by the people, and elections are now occurring throughout the island. For the first time the school organization is separate from the municipal organization. A great improvement is already observed in the larger towns, especially in the accommodations, organizations, discipline and grading. A better sanitary condition also exists.

RELIEF OF NEW YORK.

Secretary Gage Will Not Talk of What He Expects to Do.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Gage will not discuss the question of what further action, if any, he will take to relieve the monetary stringency.

The gravity of the situation is thoroughly appreciated by the treasury department, but just what will be done it is impossible to predict, although it is probable that some measure of relief will be afforded by increasing the government's deposits in national banks.

An offer to purchase another block of government bonds may be considered, though the results of the last offer were not encouraging. Officials think that in

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a time of stringency the government ought not to be expected to offer more than the market price for its bonds. It is apparent, however, that if bonds are to be bought, more must be offered for them, as under the last offer the government received only \$20,000,000 out of the \$25,000,000 which Secretary Gage was willing to buy.

Treasury officials attribute the present stringency largely to the fact that business is prosperous and is absorbing large amounts of currency that in less prosperous times would flow to New York and would be available to loans. It was agreed that if the present condition continued New York must get along with a smaller amount of currency than formerly and business must be adjusted to meet the new conditions.

I. B. Randle Killed.

Carthage, Tex., Dec. 18.—L. B. Randle was shot with a pistol and died in about 30 minutes. Randle went to the house of his father-in-law about 14 miles from here and the shooting followed.

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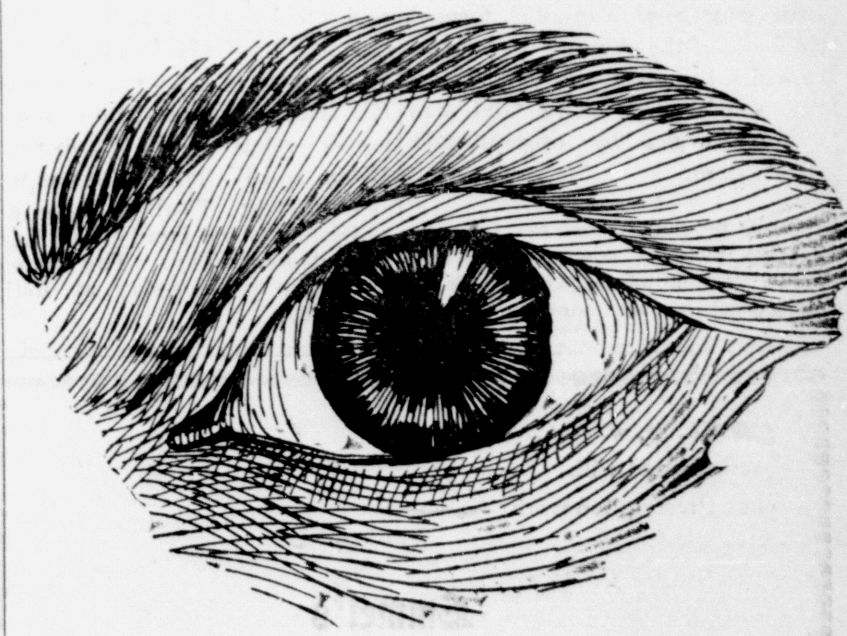
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HIS FOURTH VISIT.

Dr. Seymour at the Exchange Hotel
Next Week.



DR. Wm. I. SEYMOUR will be in Bryan at the Exchange Hotel next Monday December 18th, and will remain until Saturday evening, Dec. 23. His return trip is due to the fact that there were hundreds of people called on him during his last visit and it was absolutely impossible for him to complete the examination of many. Dr. Seymour is without doubt the best known and most reliable optician in this state, and the hearty endorsements that have been given him by prominent people are in themselves conclusive evidence of his superior ability notwithstanding he offers any who are having trouble with their eyes an opportunity of consulting him free of charge. He has the most complete line of optical instruments possessed by any one man in the South, and the diagnosis made by his methods is absolutely beyond question. Do not neglect this opportunity. At the Exchange Hotel December 18 to 23.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1899.

The New Pastor.

Rev. E. L. Shettles, the new pastor, preached at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night, making a highly favorable impression on the audiences which included members of the church and others. Rev. Shettles is of a large stature, genial in manner and possessing an easy delivery, good voice, and a direct and forcible manner of handling his subjects. He says he believes in personal preaching, but not in the sense of indulging in anything like abuse. He says he is here as the ambassador of the Lord to preach to the people of Bryan and do all the good he can, and that he stands ready to extend a helping hand to the man for whom the devil and sin have done the worst.

Rev. Shettles' morning sermon was on the subject of "Faith," and gave evidence of a thoughtful and practical study and understanding of this great fundamental principle of Christianity. "How is it with your Soul Tonight," formed the basis of the evening discourse, in which the necessity of making the soul's peace with God was forcibly urged by precept and illustration.

Chas. Edinburg's restaurant in the Zennati block is now open day and night. Regular meals 35 cents. Short order lunches at all hours.

Mr. Joe Seale.

The Eagle briefly mentioned Sunday morning the death of Mr. Joe Seale, which took place Saturday afternoon at his home near Cedar Creek, four miles northeast of Kurten.

Mr. Seale was 77 years old and had lived for 63 years at the home where he died. He leaves a wife, three daughters and one son, all his children being married, the youngest daughter, Mrs. Stewart, residing with her husband, near her father's home.

Mr. Seale, like his brothers, C. C. and Brad Seale, now deceased, was a pioneer citizen of this county, and was universally esteemed for his true, noble and manly character. He was a member of Cedar Creek Masonic lodge, and was buried with Masonic honors Sunday morning at the family cemetery near his home, his remains being interred by the side of his mother's grave. Rev. S. C. Martin preached the funeral sermon, and Judge W. H. Nall, who was present from this city, with Messrs. A. W. Buchanan and Dan Zimmerman, conducted the Masonic ceremony. The family and friends have the sympathy of The Eagle.

Mr. J. T. Yardley.

Mr. J. T. Yardley died about 3 o'clock Monday morning at the home of his brother, Mr. W. D. Yardley, in the Bethel community. Mr. Yardley was a native of Tennessee, 39 years of age and unmarried. He was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, and was a man of sterling character. His father resides at Ennis and he leaves relatives in Robertson, Milam and Wallis counties as well as in Brazos. To all of these and to friends of the family, The Eagle extends sympathy. The funeral will take place today at Bethel cemetery.

CITY COUNCIL.

The city council met in regular adjourned session last night, Mayor Harrison presiding and all officers present.

A petition from Mr. L. T. Fuller regarding a change in that portion of the contract between the city and the water and light company relating to the bonded trustee and the manner of retiring bonds, was referred to the finance committee and city attorney with instructions to report at the next regular meeting.

The city tax levy for the ensuing year on the \$100 was made as follows: Tax and fine fund 25c; school fund 40c; building and street fund 8 1/2c; special building fund 1 1/2c; water works fund 15c; street fund 15c; total, \$1.05.

Officers' salaries for the ensuing two years were fixed as follows: Mayor and recorder \$250.00 per annum; alderman \$5.00 for each regular meeting of council, and \$3.00 for called meetings; city attorney \$25.00 per month.

J. E. Butler was re-elected city attorney. The band was given its old room in the southeast corner of the city hall building.

The city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of beef cattle in the city limits.

Bills for electric lights and care of town clock ordered paid.

The finance and street committees were instructed regarding minor matters and the council adjourned.

A. and M. Alumni.

The local Alumni club Friday evening repeated its annual success in one of the most enjoyable entertainments that has been given at the college this season. The programs for the evening were in imitation of the usual ball room program, but instead of dancing, delightful ten or fifteen minute "talks" were indulged in between the various partners, and this ingeniously devised feature proved

a most pleasant departure in every respect.

The exercises were terminated with a sumptuous banquet, which embraced all that was calculated to allure the palate of the most fastidious epicure.

The feasting was interposed with several impromptu toasts, which were responded to in a happy vein. The subjects proposed were peculiarly adapted to the speakers selected, and were productive of much mirth and merriment.

The menu was printed on chambray skin and will serve as enduring souvenirs of this most pleasant occasion. The programs were also gotten out in an elegant style and were appreciated by the fortunate recipients.

If Unceasing Xmas present remember that you can buy Tea Sets at \$2.50; guaranteed Shears 50 cents; Boys Large Wagons \$1.35; Boys Target Guns \$2.50; Single Barrel Guns \$6.50; Double Barrel Guns \$10.00; good Plates per set 30 cents; Cups and Saucers 35 cents; Carving Sets from \$1.50 up to \$7.50; Pocket Knives from 10 cents up to \$1.50; Elegant Dog Irons and Fire Sets; A guaranteed Razor \$2.00; Boys axe 75 cents, a fine lot of all kinds of Crockery at prices that will please you. If you will come and examine my stock you will find lots of good Xmas presents. It will delight me to wait on you. Asking you to call I am yours for a merry Xmas. J. Allen Myers. 18 The Hot Kutter.

Hotel Arrivals.

EXCHANGE

J. C. Renfro, Franklin; A. P. Wilson, Houston; J. D. Works, Sherman; N. S. Hill, J. F. Cason, Waco; F. Moore, Texas; M. Kreh, Chicago; J. Steen, Gainsville; O. J. Gorman, Dallas; D. W. Michaux, Houston; A. Selber, Detroit; H. C. Sherrod, Galveston; H. W. Thornhill, Dallas; J. G. Oltorf, Marlin.

10 cents given back to you on every \$1 purchase this week. Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co. 16

For Sale—A very fine 15-16 Jersey heifer 15 months old. Jas. H. Webb. 17

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1000 China Dolls 12 inches long at	10c
50c Dress Dolls 22 inches long at	25c
25c doll's Rocking Chairs at	15c
50c doll's Iron Bed Stead at	25c
10c China Cup and Saucer at	5c
25c China Cup and Saucer at	12c
A large assortment of Christmas tree ornaments at	12c
25c A. B. C. Blocks at	15c
1000 Books (Arlington Edition) each only	49c
\$1 fine Album only	5c
10c Tea Sets at	10c
15c Tea Sets at	8c
15c large Kitchen sets at	3c
5c Tin Horns at	5c
15c Tin Horns at	5c

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

50c ladies Percale Shirt waists now at	39c
85c Children's shoes, sizes 9 to 12 at	65c
25c all wool Dress Plaid goods per yard	25c
\$2 25 ladies black skirts at only	\$1.65
35c ladies' bleached ribbed vests at only	29c
Ladies fine Kid Gloves worth \$1.25 a pair at	85c
40c Bleach Linen table cloth per yard	24c
85c Bleach Counter Panes now at	65c
50c Jute Rugs, assorted colors at	35c
1 lot of good Knives and Forks now only per set	38c
1 lot of good Silver plated tea spoons worth per set 50c now	22c
1 lot of Fine Silver Plated Table Spoons at only	45c
75c Fine Silver Plated Table Spoons at only	95c
1 lot of Children's Long Cloaks now only	25c
50c Mens fine Gloves now only	95c
\$1.25 Boy's knee suits now only	95c

See our line line of Clothing. This department is to be closed out at cost, January 1, 1900.

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And the man who is expert at concealing his ignorance replied quickly:

"That isn't a reasonable question. I don't believe they ever have occasion to say any such thing as that in French."

German Laborer's Hard Luck.

The laborers on the sewage farms near Berlin have to work seventeen hours a day and receive \$11 a month, besides field produce. Their dwellings are said to be in a frightful condition. In some cases a single room is occupied by four to five married couples.

Will Not Make a Martyr of Him.

The trustees of Iowa college, Grinnell have decided to take no action in regard to the charges against Professor George D. Herron, who was accused of holding socialistic and anarchistic views. "Of course," says Professor Herron, "there is the possibility that I may decide privately to leave. I am thinking of going aboard toward the last of the year. Count Tolstoi has invited me a number of times to visit his home in Russia, and I should like very much to do so. If I should decide to go I should probably be gone from America about six months."

Such as Fame.

Ex-President Harrison, who is in Paris in attendance on the sittings of the Venezuelan commission, evidently has not attracted the attention of the postal authorities, as a letter from Indianapolis addressed "General Benjamin Harrison, Paris, France," was returned to the writer with the indorsement, "Unknown here."

A Woman Hater.

Cecil Rhodes, the speculator and promoter of South American schemes, has another quality besides his unscrupulousness that will fail to command him to many people. He is asserted to be so confirmed in his misogyny that he employs none but men, even around his house as house servants.

Oil Lays Dust.

After a month's trial the experiment of President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, in the use of oil to lay the dust of country roads, has proven a success. Some 2,400 gallons of residuum oil was sprinkled over a mile of road, and no trouble with dust has since been experienced along that section. One application of oil is said to be sufficient to lay the dust on a road for a year, while it is necessary to make two applications of water a day toward the same desired end.

His Titled Guests.

There were eight of us going to stop at the same town and the same hotel in a Kansas hamlet, and we talked things over before we left the train. Each one registered himself as professor, judge or general, and when the last name was down we stood waiting to hear any observation from the landlord. He was a quiet-spoken, humble looking man, and he should have been duly impressed with the array of names. He wasn't though. He read them over in a careless way and then looked up to say:

"All right, professors, judges and generals, I'll do the best I can for you, and I guess most of the folks will turn out to your circus tomorrow if the weather is pleasant."

The Trip Reduced His Girth.

Tom Reed spent much of his time while in Europe riding a bicycle and as a result there is a remarkable reduction in his girth. When he landed from the steamer his cheeks were flabby and there was a generally tired feeling apparent about him. Although he brought six big trunks back with him the customs officials could not discover anything cuttable in them. "I know a little about tariff matters myself," he said, "and I guess I have not made any mistakes."

Two World Famous Books.

The most expensive book ever published is the official history of the civil war, which is now being issued by the United States government, at a cost up to date of \$2,800,000. Of this amount nearly one-half has been paid for printing and binding, the remainder to be accounted for in salaries, rent, stationery and miscellaneous expenses, including the purchase of records from private individuals. It has taken ten years to complete this work, which consists of 112 volumes.

The largest book in the world is in the Chinese department of the British museum, and consists of 5,020 volumes. This wonderful production of the Chinese press was purchased a few years ago for \$6,000, and is one of the only three copies in existence. It is an encyclopedia of the literature of China, covering a period of twenty-eight centuries—from 1000 B. C. to 1700 A. D.

It owes its origin to the literary prodigies of the Emperor Kang-he, who reigned from 1662 to 1722. In the course of his studies of the ancient literature of his country, Kang-he discovered that extensive corruption had been allowed to creep into modern editions, and he conceived the idea of having the text and the originals reproduced and preserved in an authoritative form.

This was a mighty conception, and in its execution it remains unique down to the present day. For the purpose of carrying out the work, Kang-he appointed a commission of learned men to select the writings to be reproduced, and employed the Jesuit missionaries to cast copper types with which to execute the printing.

The commission was occupied for forty years in its great task. Before the work was completed Kang-he died, but he had provided that his successor should see the book completed. The book is arranged in divisions, each dealing with a particular branch of knowledge. The divisions are thus designated: First, writings relating to the heavens; second, writings relating to the earth; third, writings relating to mankind; fourth, writings relating to inanimate nature; fifth, writings relating to philosophy; sixth, writings relating to political economy.

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Big Fat Turkeys and Chickens.

Also fresh eggs arrived today. Come early and avoid the rush and get first choice.

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Christmas Novelties!

We are showing an elegant line of Holiday goods including Statuary, Brass Tables, Handsome China, Beautiful Pottery, Mirrors, Pictures and other articles suitable for gifts and too numerous to mention. We have also remembered the little folks with a splendid assortment of Dolls and Toys. We bought at low prices and we are selling at prices that cannot fail to please. Yours for Christmas.

Thall's Drug Store.

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A Store Brimming Full of

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

FOR YOUR GENTLEMEN FRIENDS

Is what we have to offer you, things that are useful--presents that will be appreciated. We are showing the largest and most beautiful assortment of High Class Novelties in Men's Furnishings, SPECIALLY SELECTED FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS, ever brought to the City of Bryan.

We would suggest your calling early, making your selection and let us lay it aside for you, as the choicest things will soon be picked over. We furnish nice fancy paper boxes to put goods in, intended for Christmas presents.

BELOW WE OFFER A FEW HINTS FOR XMAS SHOPPERS:

Smoking Jackets.

In dark Grey, Brown, Navy and Cadet Blue, elegantly trimmed, at \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$10.

Fine Silk Neckwear.

In a beautiful assortment of Foreign and Domestic Silks, all the latest creations in Puffs, Ascots, Imperials, English Squares, Four-in-Hands, Neck Scarfs, Bows and Club Ties. This selection far surpasses anything ever brought to Bryan—at

25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50

Silk Mufflers

In a beautiful collection of Imported Silk effects, new and novel patterns. Ask to see the new Oxford Muffler for ladies and gentlemen. They come put up in nice single boxes for presents. Prices \$1, \$1.50, \$2.

Fine Silk Suspenders.

With gold plated and sterling silver buckles for engraving. Some are hand embroidered in beautiful fleur de lis patterns at

\$1, \$1.50, \$2, and 2.50

Kid Gloves

In all the season's colors, in dressed and undressed Kid, at 75c, \$1, and \$1.50

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

In plain white Hemstitched and Fancy Colored Borders, at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1

Fine Suit Cases.

Well trimmed with brass lock and Catches at \$2.25, 2.50 and \$3

Men's Jewelry.

Latest Novelties in Gold Plated and solid gold Scarf Pins and Cuff Buttons at 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, up to \$2.50.

Patent Leather Shoes.

In the famous Hanan & Son and American make, all sizes in button and lace, with Fancy black silk and kid tops, at \$3.50 and \$5.00

Fine Silk Umbrellas.

In natural wood handles, trimmed in Sterling Silver at \$3.00 and \$5.00

Men's Half Hose.

Black, Tan and fancy colors, in fine cotton and Lisle Thread at 25c and 50c a pair, 6 pair in a box.

We are also showing a Complete Stock of JOHN B. STETSON SOFT HATS, Stiff Hats, All Wool and Heavy Cotton Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Shoes, etc.

WATCH OUR SHOW WINDOWS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

Parks & Waldrop,

MEN'S OUTFITTERS.



Christmas

...TIME...

Is here again and all the little folks and big ones too expect to give and receive lots of nice presents. My store will again be the big headquarters for Toys, Fireworks, etc., during holidays.

In Handsome Gifts

We offer the most complete line—Books, Pictures, Cut Glass, China—everything new and novel originated for this season's holiday trade. We can supply your wants at prices so low as to be within the reach of all.

TYLER HASWELL,

BRYAN, TEXAS.

M. K. & T. EXCURSIONS.

GO HOME IN THROUGH CARS.

Using the M. K. & T. R'y (Katy) to South McAlester and the Choctaw & Memphis Railway (Formerly Little Rock & Memphis R'y) to Memphis. This is the new route offered to those going home for the Christmas Holidays. It will show you the Indian Territory, now being opened up for settlement. Fast service and a delightful trip. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 20th, 21 and 22nd; good 30 days for return. Ask or write Katy Agents for particulars.

TO THE OLD STATES.

The M. K. & T. R'y., (Katy) offers a new route to the old States to those who are going back home to spend the Christmas Holidays. As usual, through

cars and through trains will be run, passing through the beautiful Indian Territory in day light as far as South McAlester, then over the Choctaw & Memphis Railway to Memphis where direct connections will be made with the roads leading from Memphis to the Old Home. The rate will be one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 20th, 21st and 22nd; good for return any time within 30 days. For full information write any "Katy" Ticket Agent.

LOCAL HOLIDAY RATES.

The M. K. & T. R'y (Katy) will sell round trip tickets between all points on its line in Texas at one and one-third fare. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st., and January 1st good for return to January 3rd., 1900.

HALF RATES.

To points on the M. K. & T. R'y in Kansas and Missouri, including Kansas City and St. Louis. Tickets on sale December 19th and 20th; good to return any time within 30 days. Take the famous "Katy Flyer," a solid vestibuled train, with through sleepers and free reclining chair cars. For full information apply to "Katy" Ticket Agents, or write: W. G. CRUSH,

A Fine Holiday Edition.

Write for a copy of The Grimes County Record holiday edition. It contains a historical sketch of Grimes county and other historical news of interest and will be the prettiest paper ever published in Grimes county.

H. H. Hodge, Publisher, Anderson, Texas.

The Cry for Young Men.

The Chicago Chronicle has become somewhat alarmed at what it calls the "Cry for Young Men," by which it means the coming habit of substituting young men for the middle-aged and old men in productive enterprises. Despite the disposition of such journals as the Washington Post to pooh-pooh this alarm, the Chicago Chronicle raises a very important question. It is true that the tendency of modern industry is to retire workmen at a relatively early age and fill their places with young men. One great cause of this is the constant introduction of revolutionizing methods and machinery. When a man has worked at an industry forty years, he is not so alert in adapting himself to new machinery as is a young man. The inevitable tendency is to drop him out, and when once out it is doubly difficult for him to be employed, except at some more simple and lower-paid occupation.

This is one of the grandest phases of a rapidly progressive industrial era, but the remedy is not to stop the progress or to insist that laborers shall be retained after they have ceased to be useful. The real remedy is a system of insurance, the payment of which shall be a part of regular cost of production. It should begin when the employee commences work, at whatever age, and when he reaches a certain point of "diminishing returns," or declining economic efficiency, say the age of 60, enable him to retire on at least three-quarter wages. This would eliminate all element of charity, dispel the fear of humiliating dependence in old age, and relieve the employers from the odium of heartlessly discharging aged and faithful laborers.

Lucky Plants.

Many plants are considered "lucky" to dream of. In olden days an even-leaved ash or a four-leaved clover were special favorites, while to dream of them was supposed to be a sure sign of a speedy marriage. Irish girls still place the lucky four-leaved shamrock under their pillows that they may dream of their lovers, and the charm is supposed to be rendered more efficacious if the leaf is worn in the right shoe during the preceding day.

It is not only in love affairs, however, that a four-leaved shamrock is said to bring luck. Its possessor will have luck at cards and racing, witchcraft will have no power over him, and no one will be able to deceive him if he is careful always to carry the plant about with him, but he must never give it away or even show it to anyone, or his luck will vanish.

Four-leaved clover is considered lucky in America today. In Herick's time it was used at weddings, for he speaks of "lucky" four-leaved grass being strewn before a bridal pair, and a four-leaved clover, or trefoil, was tied round children's neck in a silken bay to ward off evil.

Thorns and thistles were supposed to be very lucky plants to dream of. To dream of oaks apple trees or fig trees meant a long life, while the plum, elder and many kinds of flowers, and particularly violets, are by no means pleasant subjects for a dream, as they presage sickness.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 7, 1899. NOTICE is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company has been called by the Board of Directors of said company, to convene at the general office of said company in the City of Houston, Texas, at twelve o'clock, noon, on the nineteenth day of January, 1900, for the purpose of authorizing the making, execution and delivery of a first mortgage upon the railroad recently purchased and now owned by said company commonly known as the "Waco & Northwestern Division of the Houston & Texas Central Railway" extending from a point in or near the town of Bremond, in Robertson county, via Marlin and Waco, to a point in or near the town of Ross, in McLennan county, with its franchises and appurtenances to secure the payment of first mortgage bonds of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars for each mile of said railroad, payable at a time not exceeding thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, to be issued for the purpose of paying for, completing, improving and operating the said railroad with its franchises and appurtenances.

E. W. CAVE, Secretary
Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company.
d Jan 19

HOLIDAY GOODS...

Our holiday box has come, and we have secured a sub-agency from that estimable gentleman who does the biggest business in the country the night before Christmas. There are lots of people in this vicinity who will appreciate a present highly if it is some of our Medallions, Mirrors done in fire gilt frames, Tea Kettles in Brass, Chaffing Dishes, Iron Candle Sticks and many other metal novelties. These goods beggar description, like most good things have to be seen to be rightly appreciated.

Also Elegant Perfumes,

In neat packages made up for a gift package. Then we have an elegant assortment of China goods of all descriptions that we are selling at your own figures. We also have an assortment of Albums, Lap Desks and Cases, that will be sure to please you. Holiday packages of the celebrated Capidura cigar—just the thing for a man addicted to the weed. We are not unmindful of the little ones, as we have a large assortment of

Toys, Dolls, Fireworks,

And other things that gladden the hearts of the little folks. We cannot name prices—you will have to see the goods to judge whether prices and quality are right. We are so sure both are right that we invite you to come in to inspect—come to buy—come anyway. During the rush of the Holidays, we will not lose sight of our Drug Department, as this is first always. Bring your prescriptions and you can be assured they will receive the closest and best attention, and the prices will be right, that is if you wish them put up for the lowest figure consistent with the first quality of medicines.

BEN S. READ.

Kandy Kitchen

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OYSTER
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BERWICK BAY Oysters

Served in any style.

The finest....

Candies, Fresh Fruits.

FINE CIGARS,
LOWNEY'S and
GUNTHER'S
Candies.

Phone 202.



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Merchant Tailor,
BRYAN, TEXAS.

Keeps a good stock of the Best Imported and Domestic Goods for Suits or Pants. Repairing and cleaning done at reasonable prices.

Patronize our Home Tailor and keep money at home. I guarantee Fit and Finish.

SHOP UP-STAIRS, OVER
BURT NORWOOD'S STORE.

For the Holidays

I offer Watches, Diamonds and Solid Silver at remarkably close prices. It will pay you to examine my stock before you buy. I can please you in quality and price if you will give me a call.

A. McKenzie.



YOU WASTE MONEY!

When you buy useless articles for Holiday presents. Your family and friends will appreciate something useful just as much.

Our Immense Stock

offers limitless opportunities to economical Holiday Purchasers. You can get something suitable for any member of your family or friend without feeling that your money is wasted.

We have Fancy Table Covers, Center Pieces, Table Linens, Napkins, Blankets, Ladies and Misses Cloaks, Capes, Skirts, Waists, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Cuff and Collar Buttons, Shirt Waist Sets, Fancy Dress and Stick Pins, Fascinators, and the Prettiest line of Dress Fabrics of any Style and price in the City.

We have Nobby Suits, Overcoats, McIntoshes, Shoes, Hats, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Underwear, etc., for Men and Boys. Kill two birds with one stone and buy something useful for Holiday presents.

YOURS FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS,

BURT NORWOOD,

THE DRY GOODS HUSTLER.



If You Close Your Eyes!

To quality, the whole world is full of Bargains. But if you know good goods when you see them and know their real value you will find that for real bargains you will always find them here. Others may throw out attractive leaders to catch the unwary in the expectation of making up the loss on other sales, but you will find no such methods in this store. We keep everything in the way of the best Groceries.

FERNDALE CAN GOODS.
PREMIUM HAMS.
ALBATROSS FLOUR.

And goods of like standard character. We have just received a fresh shipment of Bulk Pork. We have Chilli Pepper and other ingredients to make Chilli. We receive fresh shipment of Fruit daily. We also have a nice line of evaporated fruit. Call and see for yourselves or ring up 'phone 106. Yours to please,

J. Chancy Kernole.

FREE DELIVERY.

H. & T. C. Time Card, Bryan

Northbound No 1.....12:21 p.m.
Southbound No 2.....4:03 p.m.
Northbound No 3.....1:16 a.m.
Southbound No 4.....3:04 a.m.

H. & T. C. Time Table, Hearne

WEST BOUND.
No. 1 leaves.....1:05 a.m.
No. 3 leaves.....9:05 a.m.

EAST BOUND.
No. 2 leaves.....3:53 a.m.
No. 4 leaves.....4:39 p.m.

BETWEEN HEARNE AND SAN ANTONIO.
No. 9, leaves Hearne.....3:10 p.m.
No. 10, arrives at Hearne.....11:55 a.m.

H. & T. C. Time Table Hearne

NORTH BOUND.
No. 1 arrives.....12:50 p.m.
No. 3 arrives.....2:45 a.m.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Richard Bailey is visiting in Calvert.

Chas. N. Williamson went to Calvert, yesterday.

Home made ribbon cane syrup at Cole Bros.

S. R. Henderson left yesterday for Huntsville.

Drink Mount Vernon Pure Rye at the Exposition saloon.

Cranberries, fruits and nuts of all kinds at Cole Bros.

Smoke Metropolitan cigars sold at Exposition Saloon.

Fresh canned goods and salt and dill pickles at Cole Bros.

Lap Robe's—Chases goods, the best made, at Buchanan Bros.

The A. and M. College closed for the holidays Wednesday.

Just received, 1000 pairs of S-K pants (made at Waco) at Coulter's.

Chas. Blatherwick was here from Navasota the past two days.

Look at Burt Norwood's show window to-day for Christmas ties.

Thursday is sale day on turkeys at John B. Mike's. See notice elsewhere.

Rev. J. B. Cochran and family left yesterday. Rev. Cochran, who was made presiding elder of the Brueham district by the Texas conference, has not decided whether he will make his home in Brenham or in Cameron.

If your sweetheart smokes make him a present of a quarter box of those delicious La Josephine cigars. Sold for \$1.00 at John Chancy Kernole's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Payne of Willow Hole, were here Sunday and Mrs. Payne and children left Sunday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Franklin at Weatherford.

A swell present—a quarter box of those fine La Josephine cigars for one dollar. They are fine. At John Chancy Kernole's.

Mrs. Luther Clark and Mrs. J. Fred Smith arrived from Dallas yesterday to attend the Sims-McKenzie wedding.

Our sales of china are heavier than ever before—if you need a pretty piece now is the time to buy. Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co.

Miss Rachel Levy returned to Navasota yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Miss Eva Fink.

Cole Bros sell 7½ pounds of high grade roasted coffee for \$1.00, and guarantee it to go as far as eleven paper packages.

Miss McClellan has returned to Hillsboro after visiting Mrs. W. B. Philpott at College.

Norwood's show window presents a magnificent display of holiday neckwear.

The swellest line of Christmas Candles in town at John Chancy Kernole's.

J. H. Wehrman of Smetana, was a caller at the Eagle office yesterday.

Big shipment of the celebrated Waco made S-K pants at Coulter's.

Read our "ad." Its money to you. Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co.

Richard Nash of Edge, gave the Eagle a call yesterday.

Everything for holiday cooking at Cole Bros. Phone 18.

It is definitely announced that Dr. Bowers, who recently received a call from the Episcopal church at Sherman, will remain here in charge of St. Andrew's church, his ministry being highly satisfactory to the church, as indicated by resolution of the vestry at a meeting held Sunday night, when his work was endorsed and his salary raised to conform the offer made by the Sherman congregation.

You buy a pair of S-K pants at Coulter's and wear them four weeks, and for every suspender button that comes off we will pay you ten cents; if they rip in the waistband we will pay you 25 cents, and if they rip in the seat we will pay you 50 cents.

The society columns of the Sunday Houston Post contained an announcement of the engagement of Miss M. Stella Shepard of this city and Mr. Allan D. Sanford, a prominent young lawyer and city attorney of Waco.

John B. Mike has the thanks of The Eagle for an immense two-year-old gobbler. Mr. Mike is loaded for everybody in the turkey line, with an exceedingly fine lot of birds.

W. R. Johnston, M. L. Wallace, Joe B. Reed, Olin Sanders and J. T. Hollomon attended unveiling ceremonies by the Woodmen of the World at Marlin Sunday.

Nice for Christmas presents—a quarter box of those fine La Josephine cigars for \$1.00, at Jno. Chancy Kernole's.

The local Knights of Pythias lodge, which is one of the best in the state, is growing rapidly. The lodge has splendid material for a uniform rank.

Don't be persuaded into paying too much for eggs. All you want at John B. Mike's for 15 cents per dozen, with a probability of 12½ cents per dozen.

Mr. M. G. Nall celebrated his 21st birthday Sunday with a dinner given to friends at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Nall.

Mrs. Amos Williams and Mrs. Walter Williams of Houston are visiting relatives at Neal, Madison county.

Col. Harvey Mitchell attended the funeral of Mr. Joe Seale, his friend and comrade of pioneer days, Sunday.

Harry Carson Clarke will appear at the opera house in "What Happened to Jones" Saturday, Dec. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cavitt came in from Wheelock Sunday, and the latter left to visit at Waco.

Mrs. F. F. Hooper of Calvert, and Mrs. M. Nagle of Corsicana, are visiting Mrs. Waldrop.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Ayers of the Providence community, died Friday last.

T. B. Browning and daughter, Miss Sarah, were here yesterday from Allen Farm.

W. E. Wilson, Jesse Dyer and Bob Harrison were here from Navasota Sunday.

Christmas ties for ladies and gentlemen. See Burt Norwood's show window.

Premium hams and fresh shipment of crackers at Cole Bros.

500 dozen eggs on hand now at 15 cts. at John B. Mike's.

Fritz Yeager was here from Millican yesterday.

Judge W. H. Nall went to Wellborn yesterday.

Turkeys! Turkeys!

John B. Mike has arranged to take care of his Bryan customers on turkeys by reserving 200 pairs of choice ones to sell next Thursday at \$1.00 a pair. Hours of sale from opening of business Thursday morning until 2:30 p. m.

Special Notice.

Mrs. A. E. Steinsman, with Sprague, Warner & Co., had a date to exhibit Ferndale canned and bottle goods, sold by John Chancy Kernole, but the bad weather prevented. Ferndale goods are made by Sprague, Warner & Co., the same firm who make Batavia, and get prices on same. They are the best. John Chancy Kernole.

Damages Awarded.

San Antonio, Dec. 18.—Blanche Smith and her children secured judgment in the sum of \$17,500 against the Southern Pacific Railroad company for the killing of her husband by the overturning of a locomotive. It was alleged during the trial that the rails were too light for the new heavy road engines which have recently been put on the road.

Frozen to Death.

Humansville, Mo., Dec. 18.—Henry Winters, who lived near Wheatland, was frozen to death. He was in town in company with a drummer, and after drinking considerably, it is alleged, they started for Quincy, about five miles away. About half way Winters left the drummer and started across a cornfield. He was found dead in the snow.

Six Per Cent Renewals.

New York, Dec. 18.—It is announced that clearing house banks have made a rate of 6 per cent for renewals for time loans. It has been decided that no extreme rate for money shall be charged if it can possibly be avoided.

BRUMBY IS DEAD.

Dewey's Flag Lieutenant Dies at Washington of Typhoid Fever.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby, flag lieutenant to Admiral Dewey during the Manila campaign, who has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, died at the Garfield hospital shortly after 6 o'clock Sunday evening. His illness dated from about Nov. 27, the first symptoms being nothing more than a cold, which, however, failed to yield to treatment and soon afterward he went to the Garfield hospital where he died.

The death of Lieutenant Brumby, while not unexpected, was a great shock to Admiral Dewey. The relations of the two men for several years past have been very intimate and a strong friendship had grown up between them. Lieutenant Brumby went out to the Asiatic station with Admiral Dewey and had been with him until they both returned to the United States several months ago. In his capacity as a flag lieutenant to the admiral, Lieutenant Brumby was thrown with his chief practically all the time and acted as his personal representative in many matters of detail, delegated to him by the commanding officer. He was regarded by Admiral Dewey as a bright, energetic and capable assistant, while the devotion of the latter to the admiral was something marvelous. The burden of his thought during the latter days of his illness, before his mind was wrecked with delirium, seemed to be regarding his work for the admiral. Admiral Dewey was unremitting in his attentions to him until his condition became precarious and visitors were not allowed to see him.

Some days ago Mrs. W. I. Heyward of Marietta, Ga., a sister, was summoned and Thursday she was joined by her husband, both remaining with him until he died. Brumby's aged mother is still living in Marietta, Ga. The father, who is dead, was a colonel of the Fourteenth Georgia regiment in the Confederate army. His remains will be interred in Georgia.

Lieutenant Brumby was 44 years of age and unmarried. He was appointed a naval cadet from Georgia, entering the service on Sept. 29, 1873, and his present commission dates from Aug. 24, 1892. Practically all the time during the last two years he has been with Admiral Dewey. In his report of the battle of Manila Admiral Dewey spoke in very complimentary terms of the services and gallantry of his flag lieutenant and recommended that he be advanced some numbers on the lists of lieutenants. His recommendation was adopted by the navy department and only remained to be confirmed by the senate.

The lieutenant's death is the third of those who were closely associated with Dewey at the battle of Manila who have died since that time, namely, Captain Gridley, Commander Wood and Lieut. Brumby.

Lieutenant Brumby was presented a sword by the legislature of Georgia on Oct. 26. He remained in Georgia some time greeting his friends and relatives.

CAUSED EXCITEMENT.

Bill to Open Indian Reservations by Senator Chilton.

Perry, O. T., Dec. 18.—The introduction by Senator Chilton of Texas, of a bill to open the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservations has caused excitement among the land boomers. For the last year homeseekers and others have been camping near these lands waiting for the opening hour to roll around.

The announcement that this new country may be opened soon has increased these land seekers. Another reason for the unusual activity is the fact that the Wichita mountains which pass through these Indian reservations are reported to be rich with gold. The country is well adapted to the growing of wheat, oats, corn, cotton and stock raising. It is understood that the cattlemen who have a considerable portion of these lands leased for grazing cattle will fight Senator Chilton's bill.

Bird Will Appeal.

Port Townsend, Dec. 18.—J. Homer Bird, of New Orleans, the condemned murderer, after being refused a new trial by Judge Johnson will make an effort to prolong his life by an appeal to the United States supreme court, according to the reports brought here by the steamer City of Topeka. Judge Johnson, in imposing the death penalty on Bird, stated that in all the evidence in the case there was not one extenuating circumstance to justify Bird's crime.

Leaves for South Africa.

Cairo, Dec. 18.—General Lord Kitchener, who was appointed chief of staff to General Lord Roberts of Kandahar, the new commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, has left Omdurman and will arrive here Friday. He will start for Cape Town as soon as possible.

Trains Struck in Snow.

Denver, Dec. 18.—Twenty trains are stuck in the snow between Palmer lake and Pueblo, where snowdrifts are reported up to the car roofs. All freight trains are abandoned and the railways are bending all efforts to liberate the passenger trains.

Verdict of Acquittal.

San Angelo, Dec. 18.—In the case of William Lange, charged with murder, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Two New Cases.

Austin, Dec. 18.—Two new cases of smallpox have appeared, making five in all. The patients are negroes.

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TO THE ECONOMIST
TO THE GOOD LIVER
TO THE EPICURE

Following Edibles Approved By Connoisseurs

Ajax and Premium Hams and Breakfast Bacon.
Ajax Ham Sausage.
Full Cream Cheese.
Sweet, Sour, Dill and Mango Pickles in bulk.
A fresh supply of Dozier's Crackers.
Cakes and Cheese Straws—the latter an especially palatable delicacy.
All the ingredients for fruit cakes, fresh and of the highest grade.
Maple Syrup.
Open Kettle Louisiana Syrup.
Cape Cod Cranberries.
Anderson's Mince Meat.
In fact our stock is complete in the Staple and Fancy Line. Send, bring or 'phone your wants to us and you will gain the boon philosophers of old sought—contentment.

**Jno. M. Lawrence
& Co.**

Kernole's Stable!

Equipped for the Holidays with new rigs, new horses, and everything first-class in the livery line. We have six new horses and six brand new buggies, besides our former equipment of carriage, surreys, buggies and driving horses equal to any in Bryan. We answer orders promptly at any hour day or night, and give the best service for theatres, balls, etc. Special attention given to harness and buggy washing at 25 cents each. Respectfully.

J. O. Kernole.

HAVING PURCHASED

THE GROCERY Business of J. W. English, we are now through taking stock—wide open and ready for business. Our stock of Fancy Groceries is second to none in the city, bought by one of the oldest and most successful grocery men in town. We are prepared to meet any and all competition, quality of goods considered.

The ladies are cordially invited to call and examine our stock and see for themselves that we can supply your wants.

All orders delivered free in the city limits.

Give us a trial on your next month's bill and you will know where to do your business in 1900.

DANSBY & DANSBY,
'Phone 114.

More New Attractions!

Just opened for inspection in **Pretty Holiday Gifts.**
Our space is the largest in the city for displaying

HOLIDAY GOODS,

Yet it was by no means adequate for showing our entire line during our opening. Therefore we are placing in stock for your inspection many new, handsome and pretty presents as fast as we remove the goods we have sold. Hundreds of customers have visited our store and few have left without making purchases, for fear that delay would deprive them of the beautiful presents they admired.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL CHRISTMAS WEEK!

You will find the stock badly broken, and the rush will be on. Come now and make your selections and we will RESERVE THEM FOR YOU.

Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co.

'PHONE 20

Beautiful and Useful

For Men and Boys.

OF course when you give a present you want it to be something nice, that is always considered. But the other point, that is, whether it is useful or not, is often overlooked.

What would be more acceptable than a nice

Florsheim Patent Calf Shoe for . . . \$5.00
Florsheim Vici Shoe for . . . 5.00
Florsheim Box Calf Shoe for . . . 5.00
Florsheim Chrome Tan Shoe for . . 5.00
Florsheim Velour Vici Calf for . . . 3.50

THIS VICI CALF is something new. It is as light as a Vici, but hasn't the disagreeable feature of the Vici to scuff up; yet looks just as nice and will wear longer.

Or, if you don't want a pair of shoes, what would be nicer than a

\$2.50 BOSS HAT.

In all the new shapes and colors. Also a full line of John B. Stetson Hats. A pair of nice Tailor-made Trousers wouldn't be bad.

A full line of the celebrated Gold and Silver shirts, and a large stock of Collars and Cuffs.

My line of Neckwear can't be excelled for beauty, quality, quantity or price.

Will take pleasure in showing you our line.

Will R. Thomas.

FRANKLIN BROS., BUTCHERS AND MEAT DEALERS.

We Buy
HIDES, WOOL AND PELTS,
And Pay the
HIGHEST MARKET PRICES.

TWO MARKETS--One in City Market Building and one next door to John B. Mike's Store.

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DR. PAUL M. RAYSON,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Bryan, Texas.

Offices over James Drug Store. Residence phone, 131.

Get your fresh meats of all kinds at
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The Currency Bill Goes Through the Lower House of Congress.

VOTE WAS 190 TO 150

Six Democrats From New York State and One Each From Maryland and Massachusetts Vote for this Financial Measure.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The currency bill passed the house this morning by a vote of 190 to 150.

The following Democrats voted for the bill: Clayton of New York, Denny of Maryland, Driggs of New York, Fitzgerald of New York, Ruppert of New York, Scudder of New York, Thayer of Massachusetts and Wilson of New York.

Congressional Forecast.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The two events of importance in the house this week before the adjournment for the holiday recess on Wednesday, are the vote on the currency bill this morning immediately after the reading of The Journal and the announcement of the committees tomorrow.

Under the terms of the special rule neither a motion to reconsider nor a substitute is in order and the vote will be taken directly upon the passage of the bill. The result is a foregone conclusion, as it will command every Republican vote. The interest in the vote therefore lies only in the record of Democratic disaffection it will show. The eastern Democrats generally, with the exception of a few from New York, are not in line with their Democratic brethren from the south and west on the money question, but not all of them will vote for the bill.

According to a careful canvas made by Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, who had been in charge of the measure, it will receive eight Democratic votes at the least, and he believes seven Democrats will dodge. He figures that the bill will have a majority of 35. So far as can be ascertained no other business will be transacted by the house this week.

The currency bill was under debate all last week and many speeches were made on the measure. The first four days was the general debate and Friday and Saturday were taken up under the five minute rule.

No stirring event came over the bill until late Saturday afternoon. It was brought about by the Republicans asserting that the Democrats had about concluded that the silver issue was dead as no silver amendment was offered to the bill. This announcement brought all the Democrats of the house to their feet, except 10 or 12. They denied the assertion, and Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, called attention to the fact that no silver amendment to the bill could be introduced under the rules adopted for the debate on the measure. This caused some little sharp debate.

The senate has no program for the present week and the indications are that short daily sessions will be held and very little business will be transacted.

Both houses will adjourn for Christmas holidays on Wednesday. Outside of official nominations there is practically no business on the calendar, all important matters in committee having been delayed for the reorganization of the committees effected at the close of business last week. So far no notices of speeches on any subject have been given and senators generally express themselves as disposed to postpone the real business of the session until after the recess.

It is expected that the financial bill will be received from the house during the week. It will be referred to the committee on finance. This committee expects to make its report soon after the resumption of business in the new year, when the real work of the session will then begin.

Chairmen of Committees.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Among the committee chairmen announced by Speaker Henderson are: Election No. 1, Taylor of Ohio; election No. 2, Weaver of Ohio; election No. 3, Messick of Michigan; ways and means, Payne of New York; appropriations, Cannon of Illinois; judiciary, Ray of New York; banking and currency, Brosius of Pennsylvania; foreign affairs, Hitt; military affairs, Hull; insular affairs, Cooper; rivers and harbors, Burton.

Stabbed Himself in Jail.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 18.—James W. Williams, for many years a bookkeeper for Richardson, Roberts & Byrne was arrested here on a charge of embezzlement and taken to the county jail, where he stabbed himself 12 times with a pocketknife. His condition is critical.

Deaf Man Killed.

Alto Pass, Ills., Dec. 18.—Moses Hoil, aged 68 years, a resident of this place, was struck by a freight train about eight miles south of here and killed. He was deaf and failed to hear the approaching train.

Miss Sherburn Awarded Ten Thousand.

Shelbyville, Ills., Dec. 18.—In the circuit court here a jury awarded Miss Lee Sherburn \$10,000 damages against Samuel Lorton for breach of promise of marriage. Both parties are from Cowden.

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